

SKEETER OF NAVY SKIMS THE SEAS

Battleship New Jersey Goes
for Endurance Trip.

FIRST TEST SUCCESSFUL

Officials and Builders Much Pleased
With Showing Made by the
Vessel So Far.

ROCKLAND, Me., March 29.—The battleship New Jersey, which had her screw standardized in trial on the Rockland course yesterday, left this morning for a four-hour endurance test between Manhegan and Boston.

The naval trial boards will be landed at Boston light this afternoon, while the battleship goes to the yard for the finishing touch.

In order to meet the contract requirements today the battleship must average 12.45 revolutions of the screws for four consecutive hours.

Secretary Bonaparte and other officials of the Navy Department are gratified over the results of the standardization trip of the new battleship New Jersey, made off the Maine coast at Rockland yesterday. The vessel developed an average speed of 2.2 percent above her requirement of nineteen knots. No official report on the trial had been received up to this afternoon, but from reports from Rockland it appears that the New Jersey will come up to all requirements.

A maximum speed at the rate of 19.48 knots per hour was maintained yesterday, which is surprising to officials most interested in the ship's success. The mean revolution of the screws responding to the contract speed is reported to have been 12.45 per minute, which is a further display of the seagoing ability of the new battleship. The vessel made fourteen runs, followed by anchor tests.

The trials are being reviewed by the Naval Board, of which Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton is chairman, and the engineering board of the navy, of which Commander I. S. K. Reeves is the head. Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, resigned, represented the contractors, the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Mass.

The New Jersey is now 92.5 per cent completed and will be placed in commission within the next two months, under command of Captain Kimball. She is of 14,000 tons displacement, 435 feet long on the water line and propelled by twin screws driven by two sets of triple expansion engines of about 19,000 indicated horse-power.

SUES CONVICT HUSBAND FOR HER MAINTENANCE

Wife of Former Policeman Now in
Penitentiary Seeks Support From
Pension Money.

Charles P. Posey, formerly a member of the Metropolitan police, who is now serving time in the Mount Vernon penitentiary for arson, was today sued in the local courts by his wife, Mildred M. Posey, for support. She asks the court to appoint a receiver to take charge of her husband's pension as a retired policeman, and to pay her a suitable amount for her maintenance.

Posey was convicted in the local courts of setting fire to his own house in Brightwood avenue and was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of a year and a day. Attorney Robert E. Mattingly is named as counsel for Mrs. Posey.

FOUR CATS IN CELLAR SOON BECAME A THOUSAND

NEW YORK, March 29.—Mrs. Johanna Crowe, who is sixty years of age, for the past few weeks has been unable to sleep because of the nightly choral frolics of a number of cats. She determined to end the nuisance, and by several decoy saucers of milk managed to capture four of the offending felines. The animals were locked in the cellar, and a telephone message immediately sent to the S. P. C. A. That was four days ago.

Then a courier from the Crowe home dashed breathless into the Alexander station and managed to gasp: "Quick! Help! Mrs. Crowe—being murdered—No. 72." The sergeant waited for no further parley, and the reserves were well on their way to the house before the messenger had regained his breath.

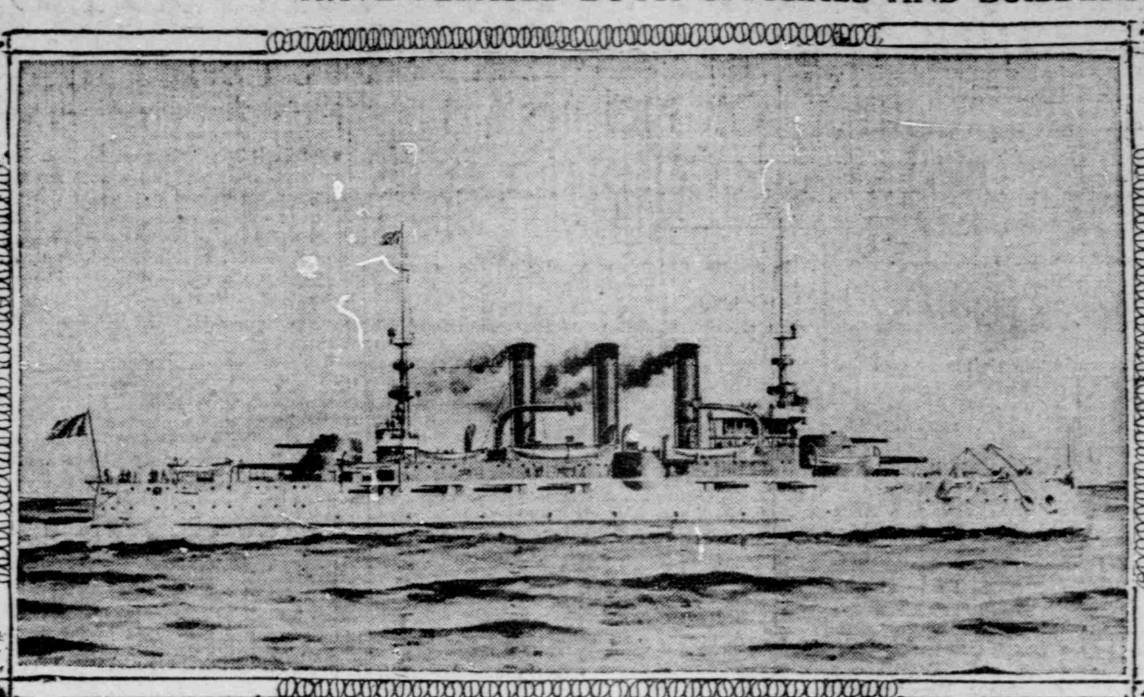
Mrs. Crowe was almost in tears when the policemen arrived. "Oh, I don't know what to do!" she exclaimed. "I put four cats in my cellar four days ago and now there are over a thousand there. They are all over the basement and they all sing."

Investigation showed that a small army of kittens had come to alleviate the sad fate of the four prisoners.

DEATH RECORD.

Rosina Arth, 32 years, 1201 B st. n. e. August O. Dostrom, 59 years, 631 Seventh st. n. e.
George Lothrop Bradley, 59 years, 1503 Twenty-first st. n. w.
Alice E. Brewer, 18 years, 1525 Church st. n. w.
Hugh Coyle, 40 years, 470 Pennsylvania ave.
William James Dooley, 6 months, 424 Eleventh st. s. w.
Susie Edmondson, 21 years, 1733 Johnson ave.
Isaac Faunce, 59 years, Sibley Hospital.
Dorothy D. Herrell, 2 years, 1009 New Jersey ave.
William S. Lawrence, 19 years, Providence Hospital.
Eliza McIlwain, 42 years, Government Hospital for Insane.
Alexander D. Maxwell, 62 years, Takoma Park, District of Columbia.
Ruth R. Mack, 4 months, 115 Delaware ave. s. w.
Virginia C. Nolley, 37 years, 1758 Howard st.
Gertrude Price, 18 years, 2120 K st. n. w.
Nelson Ridgell, 41 years, s. e. corner Thirty-fourth st. and Reservoir place.
Ralph Richardson, 9 days, 1518 Twelfth st. n. w.
Henry C. Reinhardt, 23 years, 305 Sixth st. n. w.
George Reed, 18 months, 1235 1/2 Fifth st. n. w.
Robert G. Sutton, 62 years, 921 Ninth st. n. w.
Edward E. Taylor, 62 years, George Washington University Hospital.
Hattie Walin, 40 years, Freedman's spital.

"SKEETER" OF THE NAVY WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE PLEASED BOTH OFFICIALS AND BUILDERS



SLUM REFORM BILL NEXT ON CALENDAR

House Committee Will Take
It Up Tomorrow.

BABCOCK BILL REPORTED

Action Taken on Measures of Local
Importance—Punishment for
False Alarms.

A long step toward slum reform in the city of Washington was taken by the House District Committee today, when it decided to begin the consideration at 9:30 tomorrow morning of the Morrill bill, providing for the destruction of unsanitary buildings in the District.

The committee today acted on eight bills affecting local affairs. A favorable report was made on the Babcock bill for the prevention of scarlet fever, diphtheria, chicken pox, and other contagious diseases in the District. The bill provides for the prompt reporting to the health officer by any physician who becomes aware of the existence of any case of the diseases mentioned.

A favorable report was also made on the bill punishing with a \$100 fine or six months in prison any person who turns in a false fire alarm. Favorable action was taken on the Senate bill specifying that when any person tried in the courts is acquitted on the sole ground of insanity, this fact shall be stated by the jury in its verdict.

Adverse reports were made on the bills for the relief of Adelaide Grant, Alice Grant, and Melvin Smith. A favorable report was made on the bill providing that the District Commissioners need not execute a form of written contract with bond when they contract for work involving a sum not exceeding \$500.

Next Tuesday the committee will meet to consider the Olcott bill for opening streets in the District.

AMERICANS TO BUILD COLOMBIAN RAILROADS

A. B. and E. H. Mason Given Concessions
for Two Lines, One Including
Bounty of Five Millions.

Minister Barrett, at Bogota, reports that the Colombian government has granted concessions to Alfred Bishop Mason, of New York, and Edward H. Mason, of Chicago, covering a railroad from Buenaventura, the principal port on the Pacific, to Palmira, in the rich state of Cauca, and at their option another railroad from Palmira to Bogota. The first is about 110 miles long.

After \$4,000,000 has been paid the Masons, as the customs receipts will permit, they are to operate the road for fifty years more, paying the government half the net proceeds. On the Palmira-Bogota line, the government guarantees to the Masons net earnings from traffic of \$4,480 gold per mile per annum, until the traffic, not governmental, has paid this for five consecutive years.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES BRISTOL AND ENDICOTT

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today:
To be collector of customs for the district of Erie, Pa., Benjamin B. Brown.
To be United States attorney for the district of Oregon, William C. Bristol.
To be chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, with rank of rear admiral, Civil Engineer Mordecai T. Endicott. A large number of postmasters were also nominated.

DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS HEARING ENDS TOMORROW

Hearings before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations in charge of the District appropriation bill will be concluded tomorrow afternoon.
The subcommittee will then proceed with the final preparation of the bill, which will be reported within the next ten days or two weeks.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the
Signature of *Chas. H. Littlejohn*

BONAPARTE IS DELUGED BY ADVICE ON WARSHIP

Tips on Place of Building and Names
for Rival of Dreadnought
Coming Freely.

Secretary Bonaparte is being besieged by callers with special requests concerning the new battleship to be built to rival the giant Dreadnought of the British navy. Yesterday, Representative Calder of the Brooklyn district, of New York, informed Mr. Bonaparte that a petition is being drawn for 50,000 signatures, advocating the construction of the ship at the Brooklyn navy yard. Today Senator Allee and Representative Burton of Delaware called upon Mr. Bonaparte and urged that the ship be named in honor of their State.

The national legislators from Delaware called to the Secretary the fact that their State is the only one of the older States of the Union that has not been given the distinction of a battleship.

Secretary Bonaparte said he favored the idea, although it is yet too early to arrive at any definite decision as to the vessel's name. He is favorable to building the ship, if finally authorized by Congress, in a Government yard, but at costs from 15 to 25 per cent more to build ships in Government yards than it does to give the contract to private builders.

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who have the name Constitution given to the world's biggest battleship.
Other suggestions have been made to the naval officials, among them that the new ship be named in honor of John Paul Jones.

SPENT TWENTY THOUSAND IN SUITS TO GET \$150

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—Gregory D. McLean, a farmer, testified in the circuit court that in the last four years he had spent every cent of his modest fortune, \$20,000, in trying to recover compensation for the loss of six steers worth \$150. Now he is seeking permission to continue the suit as a pauper. The State to pay the costs. Judge McCune denied his petition.

Four years ago a neighbor shipped a carload of cattle to Kansas City and six of McLean's steers got mixed in the bunch. McLean followed the cattle to the stockyards here and recovered three head. Then he sued the neighbor and recovered the value of the other three.

Later, he brought suit against the St. Paul railroad for damages and expenses incurred in making the recovery. He asks \$1,500.

ENGINEER CONFESSES TO ROBBING TRAIN OF \$80,000

LIMA, Ohio, March 29.—Yard Conductor H. A. Sloan of the Pennsylvania Railroad walked into the police station here and asked to be locked up. He stated that in November, 1897, he and two other men held up and robbed an express train of \$80,000 at Galena, Ill., on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway.

Sloan was held and inquiry has been made concerning his story. He is believed to be mentally unbalanced.

RAILROAD BRINGS SUIT FOR ONE INCH OF GROUND

NEW YORK, March 29.—The Pennsylvania, New York and Long Island Railroad Company, which is building the Pennsylvania railroad terminal and tunnel, is suing John Watts Depewster Toler for an inch of ground between Toler's farm in Eighth avenue to complete the title.
Lawyers for the ancestors of Toler overlooked this strip in transferring the property years ago.

POLICE WATCHING BOOKMAKERS TODAY

Warrants Will Be Issued
On Their Evidence.

DISTRICT SEEKS TEST CASE

Commissioners Will Base Report on
Gambling Bill Upon Result of
Criminal Proceedings.

Criminal proceedings will, within the next twenty-four hours, probably this afternoon, be instituted against bookmakers at Benning race track, as a result of United States District Attorney Baker's interpretation of the present law against gambling in the District.

This statement was made by District Commissioner West today following a consultation with Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, over an opinion by District Attorney Baker to the effect that "the present law against gambling, as interpreted by the Court of Appeals, would justify criminal proceedings." Commissioner West immediately instructed Major Sylvester to secure the necessary evidence against the bookmakers for warrants and detectives were dispatched to the race track for the purpose.

District Attorney Baker's action in making a test case to prove the application of the law now depends upon this evidence.

Heretofore the Commissioners have been at a loss to know just how far they could proceed to prevent bookmaking in the District. Until they were informed by District Attorney Baker that the present law would sustain them in instituting criminal proceedings against the bookmakers they hesitated to act because former District Attorney Morgan Beach held the opposite opinion.
The present action against bookmaking is really the result of the Commissioners' desire to make an early report on the bill recently introduced in the Senate by Senator Dillingham forbidding gambling, bookmaking, and pool selling in the District. Upon the outcome of the proposed proceedings, it is stated, depend their report.

CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED FOR MASONIC FESTIVAL

May Affair Will Include Promenades,
Concerts, Vaudeville Matinees
and a Grand Ball.

At the meeting of the board of control of the Masonic May Festival, last evening, Chairman Thomas C. Noyes announced the following chairmen of subcommittees of the board of control: Advisory committee, John H. Small, jr.; publicity committee, Louis P. Darrell; ticket committee, J. Frank Trazzare, Frank A. Schwing, vice chairman; finance committee, R. F. Smith; cash contributions, M. E. Alles; donation committee, Sam Hart; printing committee, Francis E. Sherry; public comfort, James E. Bell; music committee, Percy S. Foster; ball committee, L. A. Den; entertainment, Joseph Luckett; special features, Louis C. Wilson; auditing committee, Alexander McKenzie.
The board has arranged for three nights to be devoted to a promenade concert, vaudeville entertainment, and ball, two afternoon matinees, and two nights to be given to the orders of the Eastern Star and the Mystic Shrine.

W. C. T. U. TO HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING

Interesting Program Arranged for the Series of Sessions
Which Begin Tomorrow Morning in the North
Capitol M. E. Church.

The second quarterly convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of the District of Columbia, will be held in North Capitol M. E. Church, tomorrow. It will be called to order by the District president, Mrs. Clinton Smith. After devotions conducted by Mrs. Theodore T. Moore, president of North Capitol Union, the proceedings of the last quarterly convention will be read by the assistant secretary, Mrs. Clayton E. Emig.

The District officers will then make their reports.
The address of welcome will be made by Mrs. Harold M. Bider, and the response by Mrs. George O. Smith. A solo will be sung by Mrs. Clayton E. Emig. Mrs. Don P. Blaine, general secretary of the Y branch of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will give a resume of the work accomplished by the eight Y unions, and also the new unions she has organized this quarter. She will be followed by reports from the corresponding officers of the Y unions, as follows: Anna Gordon Y. Mrs.

Hattie Ruppert; Margaret B. Platt Y. Miss Capitola Noll; Eastern Y. Miss May V. Hurlburt; Le Droit Y. Miss Georgie E. Vance; Bloomingdale Y. Miss May Allen; Central Y. Miss Mignonette Buckingham; Georgetown Y. Miss Eleanor Lewis; Frances Smith Y. Miss Beattie Stonnell.

There will be a conference of the Y unions from 12:30 to 1:30 presided over by Mrs. Don P. Blaine, general secretary of the Y branch.
This is a time of peculiar interest to the W. C. T. U., as they are making a heroic effort to pay off the last note on their building, 522 Sixth street. For this reason the reports of the officers of the board of trustees will be deeply interesting. The following officers will report: President, Mrs. Jennie W. Robinson; financial secretary, Mrs. Emma S. Shelton; auditor, Mrs. Annie S. Taylor.
As there is so much interest manifested at the present time in temperance legislation, the District, Mrs. Margaret E. Ellis, of New Jersey, national superintendent of legislation, will give an address on this subject at 3 o'clock, there will be a children's demonstration.

SAYS PROPERTY HAS VASTLY INCREASED

Extension of Eleventh Street
ing to Expert, Has
Values 100 Per Cent

After hearing the testimony of E. Dwyer, an expert in real estate values, the commission to assess the benefits to owners because of the extension of Eleventh street, from Florida avenue to the street, adjourned until 2 p. m.

At the hearing the independent appraiser, Counsel A. Lettich, of the District, and the property owner, represented by the property owner, Leo Simmons, of Chapin, Charles W. Claggett.

Mr. Dwyer testified that the fronting on Eleventh street had been benefited about 100 per cent by the improvement of the street, and that the extension had materially benefited the section which it traversed. He said in his opinion the benefits said in his opinion the benefits said as far east of Eleventh street, Sherman avenue and as far as Thirteenth street.

EX-PRESIDENT OF E.C. GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO

GREENFIELD, Mass., March 29.—James W. Alexander, former president of the Equitable, went today by train to San Francisco, where he will remain for several weeks until he recovers from the effects of operations recently performed upon him in New York.

Piles Cured Quickly at Home

Without Pain, Cutting, or Surgery.
Instant Relief.
We Prove It. Sample Package Free.

Seven people out of ten are said to have piles. Not one man in a million need have them and we are proving it every day at our out expense. We send a sample package of our wonderful Pyramid Pile Cure to any person absolutely free.

We don't do this as a matter of amusement or philanthropy, but because it is to our interest to do so. We know that the sufferer from piles, tormented and driven almost crazy by this wretched trouble, will find such immediate relief that he will go at once to his druggist and buy a box and get well.

We know that we have got the greatest remedy in the world for piles, and we are ready and willing to stand up to the verdict of those who make the trial. We have been doing this for some years now and never yet have had occasion to regret it.

And the remedy at the drug store is just as good as the sample we send out. As, for instance, here is a man who got such immediate relief from the sample that he at once bought a box. Was it just as good? Undoubtedly, since it cured him after all sorts and kinds of things had failed. And it wasn't one of those simple cases of a few years' standing, but had existed fifty years. Here is a sample of the kind of letters we get every day and we don't have to ask for them.

"Friend, I write to tell what good your Pyramid Pile Cure has done for me. I used your sample and it did me so much good I went and got two boxes, and I used one and I am another man altogether. I have no pain, no piles, and I have been troubled with them for over fifty years, and could find no relief till now, thanks to your timely cure. Use my name if it will do you any good. Isaac Smith, Wharton, New York."
Pyramid Pile Cure is for sale at every druggist's at 50 cents a box or, if you would like to try a sample first, you will receive one by return mail by sending your name and address to The Pyramid Drug Company, 328 Pyramid Building, Marshall, Mich.

ELOPES WITH A GIRL HE NEVER HAS SEEN

OLEAN, N. Y., March 29.—Against the wishes of his mother, and being guided by his bride-to-be, R. M. Buck, the blind proprietor of a confectionery store at Renovo, Pa., stole away from home Sunday evening and came to the city where he and Miss Jane Kepler, a clerk in his store, were married by the Rev. McElroy Lietz, of the First Methodist Church.
Mr. Buck lost his eyesight several years ago in a mine explosion. He has never seen Miss Kepler.

PREFERRED SUICIDE TO LINGERING CONSUMPTION

BEDFORD, Ind., March 29.—Talmadge Fender, aged seventeen, shot himself through the bowels while in bed and was found dying by a neighbor. His parents were absent burying a brother, who died of consumption, making two brothers and one sister, who died of that disease in the last year.
Talmadge, believing himself the next victim, chose suicide while alone to the horrible lingering death which was carrying off his family.

Friday's Emergency Shoe-Prices

We're up against a problem that requires desperate measures. Not half enough shelf-room to display our many new spring shoe lines! To partially relieve matters, we've selected some lines which we can spare best—and we offer them FOR TOMORROW ONLY—lower than they could be bought today at wholesale in 1,000 pair lots.

They're brand new spring styles—reliable qualities—in all sizes and widths. It's up to you!

BROKEN SIZES

at Our 7th Street Store

\$1.27 Women's \$2 and \$2.50 Footwear

A tabular of broken sizes in women's black and tan kid and patent leather Blucher and Oxford Ties and Strap Slippers.

89c Boys' and Girls' Shoes

Two heaping tabulars of broken sizes in shoes and low bluchers for boys, girls, and infants. Worth \$1.25 to \$1.75.

\$1.69 Men's \$2.50 to \$3.50 Shoes

Broken sizes of men's splendidly made low and high cut shoes, mostly remnants from last season—in good wearing tan and black leathers, nearly all of them with genuine welted soles.

Emergency Prices at all 3 stores tomorrow only

Women's Shoes

\$1.10 For these \$1.50 Boots

Black kid, light and heavy sole Laced Blucher and Button Boots. Four styles.

\$1.40 \$2.00 Grade Oxfords

Turn and extension Sole. Oxford and Gibson Ties. Four spring styles.

\$1.65 \$2.50 Value Boots

Made of best quality kid, with dull calf tops; 5 styles of Laced and Button Boots.

\$2.60 \$3.50 Grade Patent Oxfords

Four nobby styles of Hand-welt Patent Kid and Calf and Oxford Ties.

Children's

95c For regular \$1.25 Shoe

Two styles of Boys' Calf and Kid Double Sole. Lace Shoes; sizes to 13.

\$1.00 Child's \$1.50 Grade Boots

Our famous Monument Kid Top Button and Laced Boots; sizes 5 to 11.

\$1.25 Girls' \$1.75 Grade Boots

Hand-welt Cork Sole Kid Button and Laced Boots; sizes 1 1/2 to 2, all widths.

\$1.65 Boy's Good \$2.00 Shoes

3 styles of Patent Calf and Calf Laced and Bluchers; sizes to 13.

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\$1.30 \$2.15 \$2.65

Four styles of Box Calf and Sterling Calf Bluchers, Laced and Gaiters. \$1.25 and \$2 values.

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Our regular \$3.50 finest Patent Calf Laced and Blucher Shoes; 4 up-to-date styles.

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Our new stock of Go-carts is bigger and better than any we have ever shown before. The patterns are attractive, and all the newest and most approved styles are shown. Careful buying has enabled us to secure excellent values, and we are quite sure you cannot find any lower prices.